

GREAT PROGRESS IN WORK NOTED

Abstract of Report of Presbyterian Committee of Publication Just Issued.

ADVERTISEMENT OF CITY

Amount of Mail Exceeds That of Any Other One Business House in Richmond.

The Presbyterian Committee of Publication, with offices in this city, issued yesterday an abstract of its annual report as of April 1st. The full report will be printed and presented to the General Assembly, which meets in Birmingham, Ala., in May.

A most encouraging growth of the business of this agency of the Presbyterian Church, South, is indicated in the abstract, which also shows the advantageous position of Richmond as a distributing point for the entire South and West. This committee, which is incorporated in Virginia, furnishes the Sunday-school papers and lesson leaflets, as well as a great array of books, tracts, etc., used in the denomination, and its printing contract is one of the largest let in Virginia.

The annual amount of mail deposited by the Presbyterian Committee of Publication in the Richmond post-office is greater than that of any other one business concern in the city, the number of Sabbath-school periodicals mailed during the year exceeding seven million copies.

This enormous amount of literature, not to mention the work of the book department, is undoubtedly one of the best of advertisements for the city of Richmond throughout a wide territory, extending to New Mexico and to the southern borders of Texas.

Interesting Items.

A number of interesting items are contained in the report of Secretary R. E. Magill. During the year a branch depository operated under instructions from the Richmond office has been opened at Texarkana, Ark.-Tex. Notwithstanding the transfer of much of it to the Texas branch, the business of the Richmond house has steadily increased throughout the year. A depository during the summer months has also been arranged for at Montreal, N. C., where the Presbyterian Church proposes to hold a series of summer assemblies.

A new weekly periodical will be added to the list of the committee's publications on July 1st—the paper to be called *Onward*, and to cost fifty cents a year. It will be a high-class illustrated magazine for the home reading of young people, and it is estimated that 2,000 subscribers will be secured in advance of the first publication date.

A new hymn-book for the use of Sabbath-schools and young people's societies is in course of preparation, being prepared jointly with the German Reformed Presbyterian Church, whose offices of publication are in Philadelphia. This book will be sold as low as twenty cents a copy for the music edition, in durable cloth binding. It will be put on the market as soon as the necessary copyrights can be secured.

Unprofitable Ventures.

The report shows that the publication of serious works, such as biographies of eminent men in the church and volumes of sermons, have been unprofitable ventures, and the committee has adopted a policy of not accepting for publication in book form any manuscript until the cost has been secured by an advance subscription.

Many books of theology of importance to the church have been issued during the past year, however, with a large number of tracts and pamphlets, the total of printed pages during the year, including the periodicals, exceeding eighty-five million, an increase over last year of about ten million pages.

In the department of Sabbath-school periodicals the total number of copies printed was 7,731,204, and the increase in single copies over last year was 158,910.

In the book department a substantial gain is also reported over the sales of the previous year.

The sales for the year ending March 31, 1907, were as follows:
Sales in book department.... \$42,036 97
Sales in periodical department..... 66,965 96

Total sales for the year.... \$109,002 93
Increase over sales of..... \$12,047 07
previous year.....

A \$20 Suit

For Every Man

In Richmond

At \$10.

The usual clothing store and tailor are charging two prices for their goods now. Later on in the dull days they'll drop about one-half to two-thirds.

We are selling you

A Tailor-Made Suit at a Fair Price, \$10

Our factories make them from the best materials and in the latest styles.

Every man in Richmond ought to wear our clothes. They cost \$10 the year round. \$10.

\$6 Trousers, \$3.

Mail orders filled promptly.

American Clothing Stores Company,
418 E. Broad Street.

Headquarters, 418 Broom St., New York



Boy Jinks

Are apt to be "high jinks." You can't keep a red-blooded boy from playing pranks any more than you keep a kitten from frisking about the hearth.

Give the lad garments that stand the strain of wriggle-and-twist.

Our Boys' Clothes are the anti-rip sort. They'll take more wear-punishment than any clothes we know.

FOR MONDAY'S SALE WE OFFER—

All the \$5.00 grades in Russian, Sailor and Double-Breasted styles, plain or bloomer Trousers at

\$3.95

Jacobs & Levy,

BALL, BAT AND MIT FREE.

A notable feature of the work of the committee of publication is that from the profits of the book department, after providing for all expenses and salaries, \$12,650, of profits earned during the year was used to supplement the offerings made by the churches and Sabbath-schools for Sunday-school mission work in destitute districts in the South.

Development of Work.

It will be of interest to note the development of the business of the Committee of Publication, as shown by the following table of comparative sales:
In 1902, sales reported..... \$20,000
In 1903, sales reported..... 43,557
In 1904, sales reported..... 92,201
In 1905, sales reported..... 105,307
In 1906, sales reported..... 118,354
In 1907, sales reported..... 129,000

The benevolent work undertaken by the committee has also had a remarkable growth. During the past year twelve field workers have been employed in locating mission Sabbath-schools. A large amount of literature has also been donated to mission schools, in which over ten thousand children are gathered.

The committee recommends that \$25,000 over and above the profits of the business be set aside during this year for the extension of the mission work and in establishing mission Sunday-schools in destitute regions.

HAS FATAL STROKE.

Former Mayor Simpson, of Alexandria, Dies.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ALEXANDRIA, VA., April 20.—Former Mayor George L. Simpson was stricken with apoplexy while in his store, 104 North Royal Street, at 10 o'clock this morning, and five minutes thereafter expired. News of his death was received throughout the entire city with deep regret. The deceased was sixty-four years of age, and is survived by a wife and two sons, Messrs. Robbins and French Simpson. The former, who is employed in New York, was notified of his father's death here last night. Mr. Simpson reached the store a few minutes after her husband's death, and completely prostrated. She had to be conveyed to her home.

George L. Simpson was justly regarded as one of Alexandria's most popular and prominent citizens, and at the instance of his numerous friends he had decided to again run for Mayor of the city in 1908, and would doubtless have been elected.

The deceased served two terms in the State Legislature, and from 1897 to 1904 served two consecutive terms as Mayor. In that position he won for himself a host of friends. During his incumbency in office many difficult problems came up, but he always came out victorious, and was never known to have lost.

At the time of his death he was a member of the Board of Aldermen from the Third ward, and served in that body with distinction.

Mr. Simpson was a prominent member of the "Lodge," Knights of Pythias, and the "Order of the Eastern Star." The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

The Board of Aldermen is composed of eight members, representing the four wards, and with the death of Mr. Simpson both the body and the representative members within the past three months, among them Nicholas P. T. Burke and John T. Sweeney.

"MRS. WIGGS" AGAIN.

Manchester Organization Still Scoring Success in Play.

"Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" was presented in Corcoran Hall Friday night by the young actors and actresses of Manchester, who have made such a reputation since the first production of the play. More than 200 people were turned away from the door, the seating capacity of the hall being taken long before the time for the rising of the curtain.

The play was given for the benefit of the King's Daughters, of Church Hill, and the Presbyterian Church, of Manchester, jointly.

Mr. Wiggs took the part played before by Mr. George Paul, "Billy Wiggs."

Miss Ruth Fitzgerald, who was originally to play "Miss Hester" in the part last night and deserved the applause she received. She was burned by the explosion of a gasoline lamp the night before the opening performance by the amateur organization, and last night was the first time she appeared in the play.

LET ALL GO.

Mayor Smith Discharges All Involved in Recent Race Riot.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, VA., April 20.—After a hearing in the Police Court today Mayor Smith discharged all of the persons charged with being principals in the race war at the corner of Fifth and Main Streets on the night of April 18. Gus Swanson, however, one of the white men, was fined \$30 for carrying a concealed weapon.

SCENES AT IDLEWOOD SHOWING DESTRUCTION WROUGHT BY YESTERDAY MORNING'S FIRE



ORIGIN OF FIRE STILL UNKNOWN

Lowest Estimate of Loss at Idlewood Fire Between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

ANIMALS ROAR IN TERROR

Trainers and Employees Show Bravery in Getting Wild Beasts Out.

Work on rebuilding the burnt area of the popular Idlewood resort, which was so badly damaged by fire Friday night, will be commenced as soon as the ashes and half-burned timbers can be cleared away. The unfortunate occurrence will not interfere with the opening of Idlewood on April 24th, when the public will have free access to all the shows now standing.

The damage ensuing from the fire will amount to somewhere between \$20,000 and \$30,000, but it is, fortunately, all covered by insurance, as the whole place was heavily insured through the Julian Strause & Sons Company.

The origin of the fire still remains a mystery but it is thought that it was ignited by a lighted cigarette carelessly thrown away by some employee connected with the various shows at the resort. Had the fire started an hour later, when every employee at Idlewood would have been in bed, the whole place would have been sacrificed to the flames. The belief at first expressed that the blaze originated from an electric wire was dispelled when it was learned that the nearest charged wire to the point at which the fire began is at least 150 feet away. Rumors of possible incendiary origin were circulated yesterday, but no development in this direction appeared to substantiate them.

Animals Frightened.

When discovered the flames had already gained big headway, and it was only by the most strenuous fighting on the part of the carmen, Idlewood employees and the city Fire Department that they were prevented from devouring the Bostock animal building, which was threatened momentarily by the swiftly-moving blaze. The hundreds of almost priceless animals in the Bostock building were badly frightened as the flames crept nearer and nearer to the building in which they were stored and they began to feel the unaccustomed heat. Roars of terror from the lions and the fierce trumpeting of the huge elephants surrounded above the almost indescribable din made by the combined noises of men fighting the flames, shouting orders and the removal of furniture and personal property from the burning structure. Had it come to the worst, it might have been to save some of the animals, they would have been shot in their cages, according to the orders of Manager Bernard Shultz, who saw that this would be the last resort if it came to the animals' burning or their escape among the fire-fighters.

All the Bostock employees, animal trainers and others, were prepared for any emergency. Many of the animals were driven into the moving cages and rolled away from threatening doom. The elephants, who were squealing forth their terror, were taken to places of safety by Charles Miller, and viewing the rapidly approaching flames threatened every moment to stampede, Toin Tallen, or Signor Rinaldo, as he is known in show circles, entered the passage way behind the animals' cages and drove the terrified animals into the movable cages, pushed forward by the employees. Several lions were thus gotten into their cages, and the train turned to get the leopards in their places of safety. One of the half-crazed animals turned on him, but was beaten into submission, when he quietly entered the cage. In the meantime other shrieks and roars of agony rose from other quarters of the building, and it might have been a forest fire in an African jungle from the babel of many noises that arose in terror from every side.

Through it all the employees and trainers preserved a calm, cool spirit, facing the impending danger with the knowledge that the safety of the animals in their charge depended absolutely upon them, and realizing if the worst came to the worst they could expect no outside aid. Bystanders were asked in one instance to help move the animals out, but outside of some carmen, assistance was not volunteered, terror of the unknown beasts stampeding out every bit of former valor.

Dog Lost Life.

The only life lost was a dog belonging to Mr. Joynt. A chimpanzee occupying the same building was saved. The two buildings occupied by the single men and the married men and the single women were swept away, and the occupants, Messrs. Rinaldo, Joynt and Wilson and Mrs. Marcelle, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Millman, were left without room or pillow. They were housed in another part of the building through the night, and heads that were wont to lie upon soft beds were con-

tent to get anything upon which they might rest after such a night. Everything yesterday was in turmoil and confusion, but willing hands began the removing of such things as were saved to places of safety, and by night every one had found a comfortable berth.

Of all the vast area of roofed boardwalk and show quarters, only the ashes and clinders may be seen to-day, but the management promises that the once splendid structure will rear itself again more splendid still, and that it will not be a far distant date when people will be parading and looking at the various amusements where now is only a waste of ruins.

Though the managers and owners of the Virginia Amusement Company place the loss incurred by the fire at some figure between \$20,000 and \$30,000, a more conservative estimate places it at somewhere between \$12,000 and \$15,000. But the loss is not fully known yet, as it is not known how many papers and other valuable possessions were lost amid the general destruction. It is thought that \$20,000 at the outside would cover all losses.

NOTTOWAY POLITICS.

Several New Candidates Are Expected and Fight Will Be Lively.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NOTTOWAY, C. H., VA., April 20.—The political situation in Nottoway is becoming more interesting and complicated each day. There are a number of candidates for each office to be filled this fall, and the air is rife with rumors of new entries; especially is this true in regard to the House of Delegates from the counties of Nottoway and Amelia. It is stated with certainty that the incumbent, the Hon. J. A. Snyder, of Amelia, will stand for reelection, and that he will make a close, hard canvass.

It had been thought for some time that he would have no opposition, but it is generally talked throughout the district that he will have opposition, and reliable rumor has it, though there has been no definite announcement, that Mr. Hunter Watson, of Jennings Ordinary, Nottoway county, the private secretary of ex-Congressman R. G. Southall, will be a candidate. Close following this report, it is being heralded from both counties that Mr. W. Monroe Gravitt, a prominent young attorney of Blackstone, will also be a candidate. Many of his friends are enthusiastic for him to offer for the election to the House. However, many Nottoway citizens are urging him to be a candidate for the office of Commonwealth's attorney of Nottoway. As yet, Mr. Gravitt has made no announcement as to which office he will be a candidate for. It is very plain that there will be two candidates for the House of Delegates, and the contest bids fair to be a warm one. So far there are three announced candidates for the office of Commonwealth's attorney of Nottoway, three for sheriff and three for treasurer.

Has Her Shaking-Down Trip.

NORFOLK, VA., April 20.—The United States battleship Minnesota returned today from her official shaking-down cruises up the coast, and proceeded to the Virginia capes, joined the Atlantic fleet in Hampton Roads.

Dr. Lyon's PERFECT Tooth Powder

Cleanses and beautifies the teeth and purifies the breath. Used by people of refinement for over a quarter of a century. Convenient for tourists.

PREPARED BY

J. H. Lyon, D.D.S.

SANDERS IS REMOVED AS AID TO HUGHES

President Will Make Appointments That Will Strengthen Governor's Hand.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—It was admitted at the White House to-day that the resignation of Archie Sanders as collector of internal revenue at Rochester, N. Y., had been requested about a week ago. His successor already has been chosen, but his name was not announced.

It was stated at the White House that the replacing of Mr. Sanders is part of the plan of the President to back up Governor Hughes and "strengthen his hand." The same policy, it was further stated, was followed in the case of three postmasters in former Representative Wadsworth's district, whom the President declined to appoint, but decided instead to give the places to persons recommended by Mr. Wadsworth's successor, Mr. Porter.

The President, it is also said, will continue to make appointments in New York State of persons who will support the administration of Governor Hughes.

REMARKABLE WRECK.

Car Loaded With Baseball Team Plunges Down Embankment.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
OXFORD, N. C., April 20.—The belated 4 o'clock freight train going to Durham left this morning about 9 A. M., and had only gone a short distance before an axle on the third car from the rear broke, and it being down grade to a trestle the engine did not discover the trouble until the cars struck the trestle, when the damaged car broke loose from the front of the train and fell over one side, down an embankment, the next car and the passenger coach falling twenty feet on the other side. There were about twenty passengers on the coach, consisting of the Warranton High School Baseball Club, who were on their way to play Durham this evening. While every seat in the coach was broken up, stoves, lamps and every description of furniture scattered over the car, only one man was hurt, having received only a slight wound about his arm, which was quickly attended by Dr. B. K. Hays. The contents of the two loaded box cars, which consisted of meat, canned goods and groceries, were scattered around the cars. A force of hands was soon at work on the wreck, and in about four hours the mail train going north to Keyville passed over the trestle.

Many people visited the scene of the wreck to-day, and all expressed a wonder that a coach in which twenty-three passengers were seated could fall down an embankment about twenty feet in depth, the coach a total wreck, and only one man slightly hurt.

SENT HOME FOR SMOKING.

College Would Not Have Youth Addicted to Cigarette Habit.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, VA., April 20.—A young West Virginia student at the Virginia Christian College, whose name is not made public, has just been sent home from the college in persisting in cigarette smoking. This rule is enforced among the 150 male students at the college as far as possible.

Will Have Adjourned Session.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
AMHERST, VA., April 20.—The Amherst Circuit Court adjourned over to-day to the 29th of this month. Judge Gordon has to hold court in Fluvanna county next week and the adjournment was made necessary for this reason. The criminal docket was not finished at this term and the civil and chancery dockets were not reached. The first thing to be taken up on the 29th will be the application of two distillers for license to continue their business in this county.

Little house-maid says look, see

A FINE
LINE OF
BEDS
THIS WEEK



when you are tired out from your day's hard work you can take away that tired feeling even before you go to bed if you have a nice bed to go to. we have a very fine line of beds, brass and not brass, and we believe you will buy one from us if you'll only come in and look. won't you come in to see the beds little house maid is telling you about?

The Odorless Sweet Refrigerator

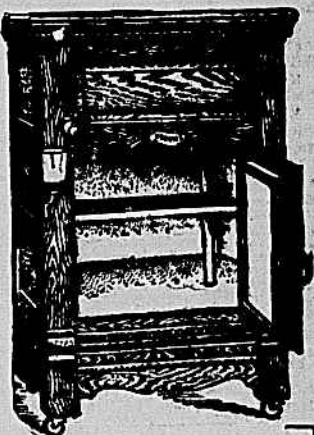
It will pay any woman to come in and examine the Odorless Refrigerator. The one that breathes out the tainted air.

Is always cold, sweet and wholesome. By a unique system of ventilation all foul odors are expelled as soon as they collect and replaced with chilled pure air from the ice chamber. You can safely stock it with milk, vegetables, fruits and meat at the same time, they will keep longer than in the ordinary refrigerator and never intermingle their odors.

The Odorless Refrigerator is shown in many styles and sizes—Seamless Porcelain, White Enamel and Zinc-Lined food compartments, with or without water cooler and glass rack. You are invited to come in and inspect this wonderful, economical refrigerator and learn how it does these very things that every housewife wished her refrigerator would do.

We have a little booklet, "A Woman's Idea," describing the operation of the Odorless Refrigerator and the reason why it's the most economical, that is free for the asking.

Odorless Refrigerators are handsomely finished in solid oak, and there's one to fit every purpose. All reasonably priced.



Monarch,

a Refrigerator without an equal. We have them with porcelain ice tanks, just what you need to keep you in clear drinking water. A Refrigerator and Water Cooler at the price of an ordinary Refrigerator.

Excelsior Gas Ranges

are the best. They have proven themselves. They Use Less Gas, bake better and quicker than any other Gas Range on the market. Try one—if it is not as representative we will take it back. We guarantee them.



Let us furnish your Dining Room—Oak or Mahogany. We have a fine stock of Sideboards, China Cases, Buffets and Extension Tables Dining Chairs in Leather, Cane and Polished Wood Seats.

Druggets, Mattings, Linoleums
Lace Curtains and Portieres

Rothert & Co.
FURNITURE, CARPETS, STOVES.

FOURTH & BROAD STS., RICHMOND, VA.